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WINNIE THE POOH STASHES STEROIDS VALUED AT \$64,000

TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA: In the early morning hours of June 14, 2000, U.S. Border Patrol Agents working at the Temecula Border Patrol Checkpoint discovered a cache of illegal steroids. The steroids, which were being smuggled in a 2000 Chevrolet Lumina, are valued at \$64,000.

The driver, a 32-year-old, U.S. citizen, from Hawaii was referred into the secondary inspection area after agents noticed his nervous demeanor. During a consensual inspection of the vehicle, agents inspected a ceramic statue of "Winnie the Pooh" and discovered 90 vials of liquid Testosterone. Agents also found 32 bottles of Methandrostenole and 3,200 Testosterone tablets hidden under the front seats.

The driver informed the agents that he had purchased the steroids in Mexico. He also stated that he did not declare the steroids when he entered the United States from Mexico. The driver and steroids were remanded to the custody of the Riverside County Sheriff's Office.